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October 31, 1985

Dear Senator Specter:

Thank you for your October 24 letter to the President, cosigned by 39 of your Senate colleagues, recommending that the issue of human rights and the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg be included on the agenda when President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev meet in November.

We appreciate and share your concern over the issue of religious freedom in the Soviet Union and will relay to our foreign policy advisers your particular interest in the Raoul Wallenberg issue.

As I am sure you know, the U.S. government has consistently condemned Soviet restrictions on the free practice of religion, and you may be assured that President Reagan intends to discuss with General Secretary Gorbachev the full range of issues impacting on U.S.-Soviet relations, including human rights.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Arlen Specter
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